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Applicants: *Lin Lu Healy et al.*

Serial No.: 09/419,571

Filed: October 18, 1999

Title: GEL COMPOSITIONS

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Transmitted herein in the above-identified application are:

- 1) Reply to Office Action Mailed October 10, 2002, with Appendix A and B; and
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 10, 2002

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. The three-month deadline for responding to this Office Action is January 10, 2003. Thus, this Response is timely filed. Appendix A is a marked-up copy showing changes to the amended claims. Appendix B is a clean copy of all pending claims.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A gel composition, comprising:
- an ester compound; and
- a polymer compound having at least one rigid block selected from the group consisting of polystyrene, polyethylene, polyvinylchloride, and phenolics and one elastic block selected from the group consisting of ethylene/butadiene copolymers, polyisoprene, polybutadiene, ethylene/propylene